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TO AMBASSADOR BRUCE

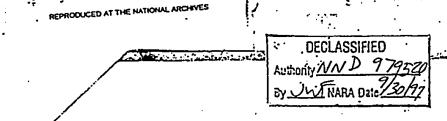
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U.S. LIAISON OFFICE PEKING FLASH TO: FROM: THE WHITE HOUSE AMBASSADOR BRUCE FROM THE SECRETARY FOR:

1. PLEASE DELIVER DELIVER IMMEDIATELY THE FOLLOWING PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT FORD TO CHAIRMAN MAD. YOU SHOULD ASK FOR AN APPOINTMENT WITH PRIME MINISTER CHOU TO DO THIS, INFORMING HIM IN ADVANCE OF THE REASON FOR YOUR CALL. IF HE IS NOT IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE, YOU SHOULD DELIVER THIS MESSAGE TO WHOMEVER HE DESIGNATES, AT THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE LEVEL. 2. BEGIN TEXT.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN AS ONE OF MY FIRST ACTS AS THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, I WISH TO REAFFIRM THE BASIC CONTINUITY OF AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY IN GENERAL AND DUR POLICY TOWARD THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA IN PARTICULAR.

MY ADMINISTRATON WILL PURSUE THE SAME BASIC APPROACH TO THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION THAT HAS BEEN CARRIED OUT UNDER PRESIDENT NIXON. I SHARE THE PERSPECTIVES ON THE BASIC FORCES AT WORK IN THE WORLD THAT HE SECRETARY KISSINGER HAVE SET FORTH. THE UNITED STATES WILL MAINTAIN THE STRENGTH AND RESOLVE NEEDED TO CONDUCT A STRONG INTERNATIONAL ROLE. WE WILL TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS TO PRESERVE WORLD STABILITY. OUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE PEOPLE'S - REPBULIC OF CHINA WILL REMAIN A CARDINAL ELEMENT OF AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY; WE CONTINUE TO SEE & STRONG, INDEPENDENT CHINA AS BEING IN OUR NATIONAL INTEREST. THESE VIEWS HAVE SOLID BIPARTISAN BACKING IN THE UNITED STATES, AND IN MY DWN CASE WERE STRENGTHENED BY MY VISIT TO YOUR COUNTRY, I HAVE ASKED SECRETARY KISSINGER TO STAY ON IN MY ADMINISTRATION. HE HAS MY FULL CONFIDENCE AND SUPPORT. I HAVE INSTRUCTED HIM TO CONTINUE THE PRACTICE OF KEEPING YOUR GOVERNMENT FULLY INFORMED ON ALL MAJOR ISSUES AFFECTING CHINESE



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INTERESTS.

WITH RESPECT TO DUR BILATERAL RELATIONS, I FULLY ENDORSE AND INTEND TO CARRY OUT THE COMMITMENTS EXPRESSED BY PRESIDENT NIXON AND REAFFIRMED BY SECRETARY KISSINGER. WE WILL ADHERE TO DUR POLICY CONCERNING TAIWAN THAT HAS BEEN CONVEYED TO YOU AND PRIME MINISTER CHOU EN-LAI ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS AND THAT IS REFLECTED IN THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE.

I RELIEVE IT IS IMPORTANT THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER VISIT
THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA BEFORE THE END OF THIS YEAR, AT
A TIME TO BE AGREED UPON BY OUT THO GOVERNMENTS, IN ORDER TO EXCHANGE
VIEWS ON THE GENERAL INTERNATIONAL SITUATION AND TO CHART IN
SPECIFIC TERMS THE FUTURE COURSE OF OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS.

THERE WILL BE NO HIGHER PRIDRITY DURING MY TENURE AS PRESIDENT THAN ACCELERATING THE NORMALIZATION PROCESS THAT DUR TWO COUNTRIES HAVE EMPARKED UPON AFTER TWO DECADES OF SEPARATION.

I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU TO ENSURE THAT WHAT WE HAVE BEGUN WILL ENDURE.

PRESIDENT FORD
END TEXT

3. FOR YOUR INFORMATION THE SECRETARY TODAY HANDED TO AMBASSADOR HUANG CHEN THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PRIME MINISTER CHOU EN- LAI

BEGNIN TEXT DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER:

I WANTED TO SEND YOU SOME BRIEF PERSONAL OBERVATIONS
AS THE UNITED STATES PASSES THROUGH THIS PERIOD OF
TRANSITION.
PRESIDENT FORD HAS ASKED ME T CONTINUE TO SERVE AS SECRETARY
OF STATE, AND I LOOK FORMARD TO WORKING CLOSELY WITH YOU ANDYOUR
GOVERNMENT AS WE HAVE DONE OVER THESE PAST YEARS.

AS HE MAKES CLEAR IN HIS MESSAGE TO CHAIRMAN MAD, THE PRESIDENT PLANS TO MAINTAIN THE MAIN LINES OF UNITED STATES FOREIGN POLICY THAT HERE SHAPED DURING PRESIDENT NIXON'S ADMINISTRATION. THIS INCLUDES A STRONG INTERNATIONAL ROLE AND VIGOROUSLY PURSUED DUR COURSE IN SIND- AMERICAN RELATIONS. THE PRESIDENT IS FULLY CONVERSANT WITH, AND INDORSES, BOTH DUR STRATEGIC ASSESSMENTS AND DUR POLICIES TOWARD THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

THE RECENT DIFFICULTY IN THE UNITED STATES SHOULD NOT OBSCURE THE BASIC STRENGTH AND WILL OF THIS NATION. INDEED, I

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BELIEVE THAT WE WILL EMERGE ALL THE STRONGER FROM FROM THE DIFFICULT PASSAGES THAT WE HAVE EXPERIENCED. WE HAVE SHOWN IN RECENT MONTHS. DUT CONTINUING DETERMINATION AND ABILITY TO PLAY A RESPONSIBLE WORLD ROLE; EVENTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND THE STRENGTHENING OF DUR RELATIONS WITH DUR EUROPEAN ALLIES, I BELIEVE YOU WILL AGREE, ARE POSITIVE DEVELOPMENTS. I AM CONFIDENT THAT IN THE MONTHS AHEAD THE BROAD BIPARTISAN SUPPORT FOR DUR FOREIGN POLICIES, INCLUDING DUR RELATIONS WITH THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, WILL BE EVEN MORE VIVIDLY DEMONSTRATED. WE WILL SHOW CONSTANCY OF PURPOSE AND CONTINUITY OF POLICY.

I NEED NOT ADD THAT THE NEW ADMINISTRATION REMAINS COMMITTED TO THE NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS WITH THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA. THERE IS NO HIGHER OBJECTIVE THAT I PERSONALLY HAVE.

AS AMBASSADOR BRUCE TOLD YOU . I HAVE BEEN CONCERNED ABOUT YOUR RECENT MEDICAL PROBLEMS. I AM VERY GRAFIFIED TO YEAR THAT YOU HAVE RECOVERED AND WISH YOU CONTINUED GOOD HEALTH.

HENRY A. KISSINGER

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